

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I personally feel that the current media environment is suffering from an extreme drought in diversity of perspectives and analyses. It can only get worse with further reduction in ownership limits. I urge you to take up Commissioner Copps' concerns. We need public education, hearings and ascertainment studies. Real hearings would be very well publicized ahead of time, conveniently located around the country and people would be given the tools to participate. Without these measures your rule making cannot truly reflect the public's will or interest.